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REMARKS

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1. On 18 November 1953, the Flak Kaserne in Halle was occupied to capacity by about 4,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, and motor transport insignia; and black-bordered black epaulets, including some with construction engineer insignia. On 11 November, about 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia entered the installation from the direction of Boellbergstrasse. Source did not observe any training activity in the barracks installation. On 16 November, about 30 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia left the installation toward Boellbergstrasse and, later, proceeded to the heath. The troops were armed with carbines or submachine guns, and machine guns and carried spades and targets. The detail was followed by 2 light armored scout cars and trucks each occupied by about 20 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and equipped with small arms. Motor vehicles were seen en route to and from the installation.

2. On 18 November, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 3,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with artillery insignia and including some with tank and motor transport insignia; and a few wearing blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. On 17 November, about 15 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets engaged in work on a telephone line on Grunitzer Damm. About 120 recruits were drilling in the barracks yard. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the installation.

Comment.

the two installations in Halle are occupied as previously by units of the 21st Gds Mecz Div.

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